

-- 61. The antigen composition of claim 47, wherein the UTAA subunit is present in the antigen composition in the form of purified UTAA holoantigen having an isoelectric point of about 6.1 and an apparent molecular weight of approximately 590-620 kD under non-reducing conditions. --

REMARKS

I. Claims in the Case

Claims 47-52 have been amended. Claims 59 and 60 have been cancelled as drawn to non-elected inventions. Claim 61 has been added. Claims 19 and 47-58 and 61 are currently pending.

II. Remarks Regarding PTO Communication

In the 6/17/94 communication, the Examiner stated that the main claim, claim 47, had been inappropriately amended to reflect a separate and distinct invention. The claim has now been amended in a manner that is believed to address the Examiner's concerns in this regard. Reference to the UTAA holo-antigen as being the source of the subunit being present in the antigen composition has been placed in a newly added dependent claim, claim 61.

Claims 59 and 60 have been canceled in that, upon more careful review, it was determined that these claims should be prosecuted in connection with the group VIII invention. Applicants apologize for this oversight, as this case had at the

time of the original restriction requirement been handled by previous counsel, and was overlooked by current counsel.

It is submitted that the foregoing amendments adequately address the Examiner's concerns. If any additional suggestions arise, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned Applicants' representative.


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